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**For Immediate Release: Fairfax County Bi-Partisan Election Process Improvement Commission
Returns Recommendations**

March 19, 2013 –The [Fairfax County Bi-Partisan Election Process Improvement Commission](#) presented recommendations to the Board today on how to reduce wait times on Election Day as well as address other issues associated with voting in Fairfax County.

“I am pleased that the Election Commission has completed its work,” Chairman Bulova said. “It is important that the County implement measures to reduce long lines, decrease wait times, and streamline the election process in Fairfax County. The Commission has identified a variety of improvements and efficiencies to ensure access and convenience for voters in future elections.”

[The Commission’s recommendations](#) encompass a variety of training, technology, and process improvements, ranging from using more Electronic Poll Books (EPBs) to providing additional parking spaces at polling places.

Background: After the 2012 Presidential Election, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova recommended the creation of a bi-partisan commission to review and make recommendations regarding Fairfax County’s election process. The commission was asked to concentrate on ways to improve the County’s efficiency on Election Day, with a specific focus on addressing wait times, long lines, and other voting issues.

The Commission, jointly chaired by Former Board of Supervisors Chairman Kate Hanley and former Dranesville Supervisor and former Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Chair Stuart Mendelsohn, first met in early January 2013 and continued weekly meetings at the Government Center. All meetings were advertised and open to the public.

Appointees to the Commission consisted of the two co-chairs, one appointee designated by each Supervisor, two appointees designated by the Chairman, the chairs of both the Republican and Democratic Party of Fairfax County, and representatives from various Fairfax County organizations, including the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, the Fairfax Bar Association, Fairfax County Public Schools Administration, Federation of Citizen’s Association, and disability and minority community representatives.

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